

CONSEQUENCES OF DEPARTING FROM GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HOME

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The book of Romans warns us of violating God's original design for the home. 24 wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lasts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile' affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful 32 who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (Romans 1:24-32)

This passage warns against those who leave God out of there lives. And gives to us the pattern we can observe in society when they do.

Note the pattern

- a.21 They knew God but would not glorify him as God.
- b.24 They dishonor their own bodies.
- c.25 They worship God's creation more than the Creator (Materialistic).
- d.26 The women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.

This passage is well known for documenting the decline of mankind into the pit of sins, among them the sin of homosexuality. But I want you to carefully note the wording here. **THE WOMEN'S DEPARTURE FROM THE NATURAL USE IS DOCUMENTED FIRST AND NOT THE MEN'S.** The women are mentioned first, for it says "Likewise also the men leaving the natural use of the woman." Why are the women mentioned first? Historically it has been the men who turn to homosexuality first. It is the men that are mentioned in Sodom and not the

women. Perverted homosexual activity originates in the males; why then are the women mentioned first? Nothing in God's word is insignificant, and neither is the order given here.

The key to this passage is the word "women" in verse 26. There are 4 words in the Greek language translated women in the Bible. ... The word here is

Thelus (thay'-loos)
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the same as 2337;; adj
A V - woman 2, female 3; 5
1) of the female sex
2) a woman, a female

This word is used only five times in the Bible, twice here in verses 26 and 27 of Romans 1, once in Galatians 3:28 to distinguish the sexes of male and female, then in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6, where it refers to God creating Adam and Eve, male and female.

This word "thelus" takes us back to the beginning when God made them "male and female" and said "be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth." It is most important to understand that this word thelus" comes from the Greek word "thelazo" (thay-lad-zo) which means to give suck, to give the breast to suckle.

Now let me read Romans 1:26 in the light of above.

For even their women (those who should give the breast to suckle their young) did change the natural use into that which is against nature; (that which is instinctive, that which is inborn).

The most natural thing in the world for a young girl to become is a mother.

When girls leave that which is against nature, society will be affected. When women are no longer seen by men as mothers, when women want to be men in a men's world, when the hearts' desire of societies young ladies are to be business women then we are in trouble.

When I was a senior in High School I went to work for a lumber company to earn money for college over the summer. I had worked every summer from 13 in farming jobs, fencing, hauling hay, cleaning horse stalls, etc. The saw mill job was the first time in my life that I had been exposed to working along with women. I was amazed, and shocked at the attitude the men had toward the women. They were no longer seen as someone's mother and wife, they were not even seen as co-equal laborers, but they were seen as sexual objects to be joked about and used.

THE FEMINISTS, IN TRYING TO LIVE IN A MAN'S WORLD, HAVE TAKEN WOMEN LOWER THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN. A girl walking down the street is no longer seen as someone's mother, or someone's prospective mother, but as a sex object to be exploited.

Young boys have not been taught the high and holy calling of women to motherhood. Fatherhood has been lowered because motherhood has. Young girls are no longer seen as the one to raise your children, but as sex objects to be exploited.

Could it be that it is the women who have sparked the moral decline in America? Could it be true that as is the home so is the nation? Could it be a mother's love, and being home when junior comes home is far more important than being able to buy junior a new bicycle and new clothes?

You may call me a male chauvinist pig, or a bigot. But the best vision of a woman is not Marsha Clark cross-examining O.J. Simpson while someone else is taking care of her children and her husband is filing for divorce. It is not Connie Chung on CBS. It is not the cashier working in the bank. But it was running home from school, finding my mom elbow deep kneading bread, ready to give me a hug. It is not the woman about town; it is not the one who has finally made it into the man's world. But to me it is my wife, homeschooling five kids, being available, and just being there, when being there meant all the world to my children.

NOT ONLY DOES DEPARTURE OF GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HOME EFFECT ALL OF SOCIETY, IT AFFECTS THE WORD AND WORK OF THE LORD -- TITUS 2:3-5

This passage relates that the older women are to teach the younger women to (a) love their husbands, (b) love their children, (c) be keepers at home, and (d) obedient to their husbands. THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED. The word "blaspheme" speaks of personal mockery and abusive speech. WHEN THE HOME IS OUT OF ORDER IN RELATION TO THE WOMAN, THEN GOD'S WORD IS MOCKED. I am not totally against women working but, in a home out of order, God's word is blasphemed. Listen!! When a married woman works in the work force, and someone else is taking care of her children, when the laundry is not done, the house uncleaned, the family unfed; when bringing in part of the income develops a Spirit of independence, a spirit of shared authority and not submission to the authority of the husband; then I would tell such a woman, please for the sake of the Lord's work don't tell them you are a Christian, don't witness to them and invite them to your church. Because by that woman's very actions she causes the word of God to be blasphemed, they will mock God's word.

NOT ONLY WILL IT BRING SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SOCIETY BUT INDIVIDUALLY ALSO -- 1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15

Not every woman who so desires to have children can. Those who do, can find a real joy and purpose in life by being a mother. In this passage Paul is telling of the role of women in the church. He mentions proper dress, being in silence and subjection, and that a woman cannot teach men or be over men. It might be asked, well what can a woman do? She can be a mother. The words "saved in child bearing" (1 Tim. 2:15) do not mean salvation from sin, but is of the

same construction as in 1 Tim. 4:15-16, where it refers to the salvation of our lives, that is, in doing it, our lives will take on purpose.

The greatest thing a women could ever be is a mother. The hardest work a woman will ever do, is to be a full-time mother. I believe it is a job that cannot be done on a part time basis, without some catastrophic effects upon the children.

Listen!!! Only a child's real mother can really mother that child. No one will care for it naturally as she will. It is a high and holy work. It must not be lowered; it must not be left to another.

Though many things have contributed to the moral decline in America, the departure from God's plan for the home must be ranked as one of the major contributors. Prior to World War II, the USA was much more of a moral nation. The role of the mother was exalted; there were many large families; and few women were in the work force. But with the coming of Rosy the Riveter to the ship building yards in WW II things changed. Momma left home to work while another raised her child. The bearing of children was seen as restrictive; the size of families declined. With it all, America began a great moral decline.

Sad to say, we have many women today who are looking for a purpose in all kinds of places, when it is at home waiting for them. God's pattern for the home is being violated today more than at any time in our society. We are reaping the moral decline in our nation as never before. I believe people are looking for a better way. We as God's people know the way. Will we commit ourselves to lead the way?? It will take work; it will not be easy; we may have to give up some of our TOYS; we may have to buy clothes at Salvation Army. BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD THE OTHER OPTION.